

CHRISTOPHER RIDDLE,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.) No. 1:17-cv-03710-TWP-MJD
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MATT MYERS Sheriff,)
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Defendant.)

Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 556 U.S. 662, 678 (2009). Pro se complaints such as that filed by the plaintiff are construed liberally and held to a less stringent standard than formal pleadings drafted by lawyers. *Obrieht v. Raemisch*, 517 F.3d 489, 491 n.2 (7th Cir. 2008).

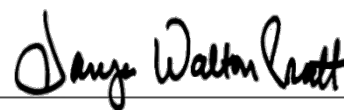
The plaintiff amended his complaint to add nine new defendants. First, he alleges that seven corrections officers have implemented discriminatory disciplinary sanctions at the direction of defendant Sheriff Matt Myers. Those officers are Sgts. Weaver and Reed, Lt. Stillabower, and Officers Fippen, Greenly, Tooley and Searles. The plaintiff's allegations against these defendants are sufficient to support an equal protection claim on the basis of gender, as discussed in the first screening entry of November 29, 2017.

The plaintiff's claim against Bartholomew County Commissioners is **dismissed**. The basis of the plaintiff's claim against Bartholomew County Commissioners is that the county commissioners are responsible for the policies of the sheriff's department and responsible for the training of sheriff deputies. The plaintiff is mistaken. Bartholomew County Commissioners are not responsible for setting or implementing policy within the Sheriff's Department. *Estate of Drayton v. Nelson*, 53 F.3d 165, 167-68 (7th Cir. 1994); *Donahue v. St. Joseph County*, 720 N.E.2d 1236, 1241 (Ind. Ct. App. 1999).

The clerk is **designated** pursuant to *Fed. R. Civ. P.* 4(c)(3) to issue process to defendants Sgts. Weaver and Reed, Officers Fippen, Greenly, Tooley and Searles, and Lt. Stillabower in the manner specified by *Fed. R. Civ. P.* 4(d). Process shall consist of the amended complaint, applicable forms (Notice of Lawsuit and Request for Waiver of Service of Summons and Waiver of Service of Summons), and this Entry.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: 1/17/2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tanya Walton Pratt", is written over a horizontal line.

TANYA WALTON PRATT, JUDGE
United States District Court
Southern District of Indiana

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